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NEW PATROL VESSELS FOR COAST GUARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps for providing new patrol vessels to Indian Coast Guard for continuous vigilance of Indian Maritime Economic Zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the progress made so far in providing new patrolling vessels?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Vessels of various categories are approved for induction in the Coast Guard as replacement for decommissioned platforms and for augmenting the strength of the Force. This is a continuous process and is undertaken according to the identified roles that Coast Guard are required to perform.

(b) & (c): Presently the Coast Guard has 69 patrol vessels for undertaking patrolling over the seas and coastal areas. During the last two years, 12 new vessels were inducted. In addition, construction of 22 vessels is progressing at various shipyards.